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ABSTRACT. We introduce a new directed graph structure into the set of alternating sign matrices. This includes Bruhat graph (Bruhat order) of the symmetric groups as a subgraph (subposet).

Drake-Gerrish-Skandera (2004, 2006) gave characterizations of Bruhat order in terms of total nonnegativity (TNN) and subtraction-free Laurent (SFL) expressions for permutation monomials. With our directed graph, we extend their idea in two ways: first, from permutations to alternating sign matrices; second,  $q$ -analogs (which we name  $q$ TNN and  $q$ SFL properties). As a by-product, we obtain a new kind of permutation statistic, the signed bigrassmannian statistics, using Dodgson's condensation on determinants.

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